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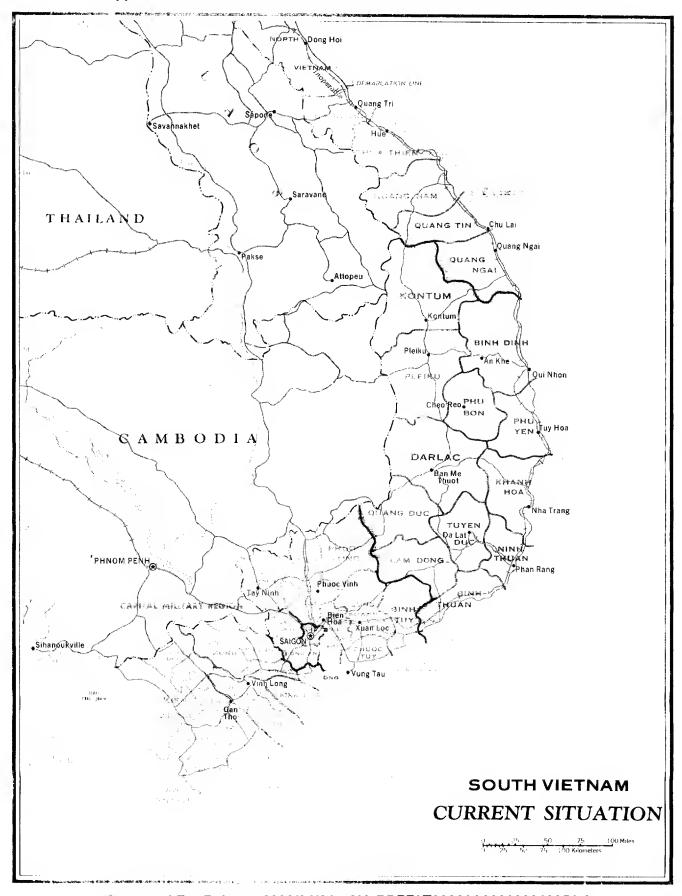
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THE WEEK IN PERSPECTIVE

Political developments during the week continued to center around the forthcoming elections for a constitutional convention. Peripheral demonstrations and minor incidents of violence, however, helped to maintain a troubled atmosphere.

Friendly military operations decreased during the week, but enemy-initiated activity showed a slight rise, with the I Corps continuing to report the greatest number of Communist incidents.

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I. THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

A. POLITICAL SITUATION

- 1. Political developments during the week continued to center around the forthcoming elections for a constitutional convention. Peripheral demonstrations and minor incidents of violence, however, helped to maintain a troubled atmosphere.
- 2. Although a government advisory council recommended a 100-man committee to draft an election law, the government plans to convene only a 34-man group on 5 May to begin the work. Hopefully, the election regulations will be formulated by the end of the month, which will allow the government the 90-day period necessary for the mechanical organization of the elections themselves. However, now that the pressure of Buddhist and antigovernment demonstrations has ceased, there may be an inclination among some government officials to delay the election date. Indicative of this trend was a remark made by Premier Ky to newsmen on 3 May to the effect that the government would try to hold elections by October--a month later than had been indicated in the government decree of 14 April.
- Despite a flurry of coup rumors last weekend that were evidently touched off by the dismissal of police director Lieu, current reporting indicates that various factions within the military government have no plans to engineer an internal coup for the time being. In regard to re-establishing government authority in central Vietnam, I Corps commander General Dinh has continued to utilize a conciliatory approach and to rely upon Buddhist cooperation to restore at least superficial order. Internal strife among Nationalist Party (VNQDD) elements in I Corps, however, has resulted recently in individual acts of violence in Da Nang, Catholic demonstrations opposing the struggle force are also continuing in the Da Nang area and near Saigon. A final factor that could cause further friction is the attempt by the incoming national police director, Colonel Nguyen Ngoc Loan, to install police officials in I Corps who are more responsive to Saigon. In particular, Loan has apparently

countermanded General Dinh's recent appointment of a new regional police director.

- Thus far, the Buddhists have voiced no objections to the government's 34-man election law drafting committee, and have shown little concern over general election methods. However, they appear to be on a direct collision course with the military regime regarding the provisional government that will function in the interim between elections for a constitutional convention and the actual adoption and implementation of the constitution itself--a period that could stretch out to nearly a year. The Buddhists, in accordance with the recommendations of the National Political Congress that met in Saigon last month, maintain that the elected constitutional convention should name the provisional government, while Premier Ky and other current government officials appear determined to maintain their primacy instead.
- Conversations during the week between US Embassy officials and various Buddhist leaders indicate that the Buddhists do not plan to organize a formal party for the forthcoming elections, nor do they plan to put forth any actual candidates themselves. Instead, local committees will be established to back the "best candidates," regardless of their party or religious affiliation. Various Buddhists have also suggested that the candidates be elected on a provincial rather than a population basis, and that the constitutional convention should consist of between 100 and 150 representatives. Few details concerning the constitution itself were discussed by the Buddhists, although they probably will favor some sort of parliamentary system. The decision not to establish an overt political party reflects the past Buddhist tendency to maneuver freely behind the scenes with only minimal responsibilities. and will also make it difficult for other groups to organize against them.
- 6. The non-Buddhist groups that hope to influence the outcome of the upcoming elections show signs of attempting to unite against the Buddhists. The Catholics and the VNQDD were the most vociferous, especially in

I Corps and around Saigon, where they held rallies and demonstrations espousing anti-Communist, pro-American military, and--in some cases--anti - Tri Quang themes. At this time, however, there is little cohesion among the various groups. Some coalitions have been discussed privately between non-Buddhist leaders and with US officials, but the degree of public receptivity has not been determined.

Economic Situation

- On 29 April a high-level meeting was held in Saigon between Vietnamese and US economic officials. As a result of this meeting, Minister Thanh agreed to release an additional \$42 million in foreign exchange for GVN-financed imports in May and June, and announced that a directive had been issued on new procedures for goods imported under the commodity import program. USAID has worked closely with GVN Ministry of Economy Officials in writing a directive to establish a quarterly consolidation of import applications and to force importers to go through Office of Small Business procedures to a greater extent than heretofore. These procedures entail much stricter price checks. As a result of this GVN action, USAID agreed to release a large block of funds (\$108 million) so that licensing can be resumed at a normal pace during the second quarter.
- 8. The rate of license applications for GVN-financed imports rose to 277 daily during 18-23 April, compared with a daily rate of only 100 during 1-8 April and 172 during 9-16 April. Importers were attempting to beat the 30 April deadline for license applications under the \$58.4-million GVN foreign-exchange release announced on 7 March for March-April import licensing. Actual licensing of GVN-financed imports, which was negligible during March, amounted to \$21.3 million during the first three weeks of April.
- 9. The index of Saigon retail prices was generally unchanged from last week. Rice prices, however, continued to rise and the price of the average grade reached a new retail high of 920 piasters per 100

kilograms. It appears that Minister Thanh's policy of selling government rice at low prices in Saigon has not been entirely successful. Although the Ministry of Economy is selling at low prices to retailers in Saigon, these retailers report a considerable lag in the delivery of this rice. Moreover, by exerting control over the rice brought to Saigon by convoy, the Ministry of Economy has reduced the flow of rice to the open market where dealers from surrounding provinces purchase large amounts of rice outside of the ministry's sales program. With demand remaining constant, this reduction in the supply of rice has resulted in higher prices on the open market.

10. In the Saigon free market, the price of US \$10 bills rose one piaster per dollar to a 1966 high of 173, or close to the 1965 high of 175. The price of \$10 MPC (scrip) also rose by one piaster per dollar to 119. On the other hand, both the piaster-dollar cross rate in Hong Kong and the price of gold fell by one piaster per dollar to 152 and 245, respectively.

B. MILITARY SITUATION

- 1. Enemy-initiated activity increased during the week ending 30 April.
- During this period there were 790 Communistinitiated incidents compared to the previous week's 765. There were 33 attacks (three large scale) and 527 acts of terrorism compared to the previously reported 20 and 570, respectively. The kill ratio favored free world forces 1.7 to 1 compared to the week before's recomputed 5.33 to 1. Viet Cong losses for the period were 456 killed and 98 captured. Vietnamese casualties for the period were 227 killed, 613 wounded, and 29 missing or captured--a total of 869 compared to the previous week's 368. US losses for the week were 70 killed and 589 wounded and three captured -- a total of 662 compared to last week's 582. Free world forces lost two killed and 11 wounded (all ROK). The South Vietnamese lost 192 weapons (three crew served) while the Viet Cong lost 168 weapons (one crew served).

| | KIA | WIA | MIA/ CAPTURED | TOTAL CASUALTIES |
|----------------|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|
| US | 70 | 589 | 3 | 662 |
| ARVN | 227 | 613 | 29 | 869 |
| THIRD COUNTRY | 2 | 11 | | 13 |
| VIET CONG/PAVN | 456 | _== | 98 | 554 |

GVN/Allied Activities

- 3. Friendly large- and small-unit operations, as well as corresponding enemy contacts, decreased during the week.
- 4. In I Corps, US Marine elements conducting Operation GEORGIA in Quang Nam Province inflicted losses of 93 killed and 21 captured on the Viet Cong while sustaining losses of seven killed and 74 wounded.
- 5. Combined Operation FILLMORE (rice-harvest security) being conducted by elements of the US 101st

Airborne Division and the ROK Capital Division in Phu Yen Province of II Corps continues. Friendly forces have lost 16 killed and 105 wounded while inflicting losses of 193 killed and 44 captured on the enemy.

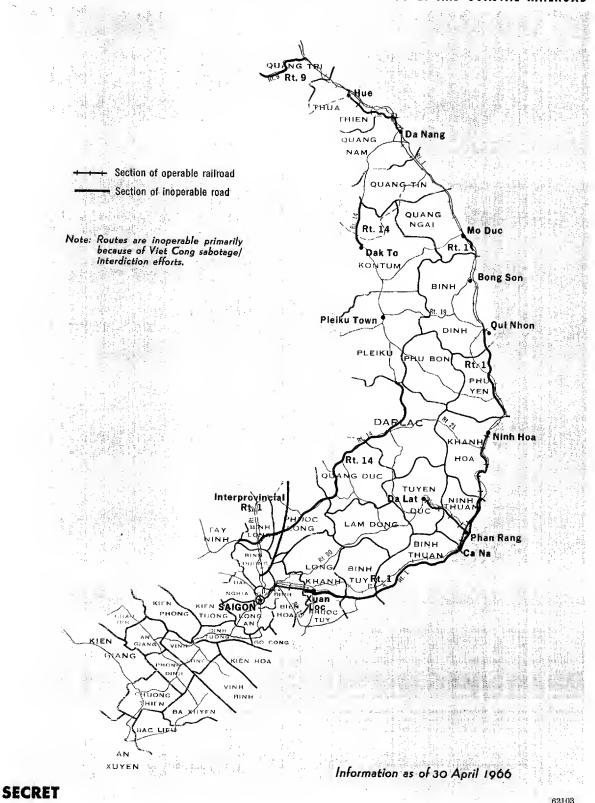
- 6. In Tay Ninh Province of III Corps, the forces conducting combined US/ARVN Operation BIRMING-HAM/AN DAN 79/66 successfully seized a large enemy supply cache. The units seized 1,364 tons of rice, 185.5 tons of salt, 6,800 uniforms plus several thousand sets of other clothing, and destroyed 27 base camps. Ninety-three Viet Cong have been killed and ten captured. Friendly forces have lost 42 killed and 175 wounded.
- 7. Elements of the ARVN 21st Division terminated a three-day search-and-destroy operation in Chuong Thien Province, IV Corps. Friendly units lost 29 killed and 138 wounded while reportedly killing 247 Viet Cong.
- 8. Free world forces conducted 104 battalionsize or larger operations during the week, 49 of them achieving contact—32 GVN, 14 US, one ROK, and two combined. There were 26,065 small-unit operations, including 3,584 conducted by US forces and 478 by free world forces. Of the 154 that achieved contact with the enemy, 98 were conducted by US units and two by free world forces.
- 9. Seven B-52 Stratofortress missions utilizing 54 aircraft were flown during the week ending 1 May. The target areas were in the South Vietnamese provinces of Tay Ninh, Quang Ngai, and Quang Tin.
- 10. On 25 April, a total of 15 aircraft (LOW STOOP III and IV) supported ground search-and-destroy Operation BIRMINGHAM in Tay Ninh Province. On 28 April in Quang Tin Province, a total of 18 aircraft (SPUR TIP I, II, and III) struck Viet Cong troops that were considered a threat to the Tien Phuoc Special Forces Camp; no ground follow-up was scheduled. On 29 April, three aircraft (SNAP CAP II) made a harassing attack in Quang Ngai Province against a reported enemy base and supply point near the Tra Bong Special Forces Camp; no ground follow-up was scheduled. On 30 April, three aircraft (FINE SAND

- III) made a harassing attack in Quang Nam Province against a reported Viet Cong training camp. No ground follow-up was scheduled; however, ground search-and-destroy Operation GEORGIA is in this area. On 1 May, 15 aircraft (LOCK BOX IV) attacked a suspected ammunition storage area in Tay Ninh Province; no ground follow-up was scheduled.
- 11. During the period 22-28 April, a total of 2,455 tactical air strikes and armed reconnaissance sorties were flown by US Navy, Air Force, and Marine aircraft. VNAF aircraft flew a portion of the armed reconnaissance sorties. The cumulative results of these strikes as reported by pilots included the destruction of 2,015 structures, 38 bunkers, 47 sampans, 5 trenches, 213 huts, 49 riverboats, 7 AW positions, 5 storage areas, 3 trucks, and 1 radio station. Damage was reported to 1,263 structures, 5 bridges, 4 bunkers, 32 sampans, 223 huts, 9 riverboats, 14 AW positions, and 4 trucks. There were a total of 92 secondary explosions.
- 12. On 23 April, an A-4 Skyhawk was downed by probable ground fire approximately 80 nautical miles south-southeast of Saigon. The pilot ejected and was rescued.
- 13. Forces conducting Operation MARKET TIME searched 5,319 junks and 23,736 people. Of these, two junks and 66 people were detained. During the week, a US Coast Guard cutter was briefly fired on by a Cambodian PT boat off the northwestern tip of Phu Quoc Island, IV Corps. No damage or casualties resulted.

Communist Activity

14. I Corps continues to lead all other areas in incidents, especially terrorism and antiaircraft fire. The density of enemy units in the northern provinces probably has caused greater demands on the people for support. To ensure that the required support is rendered, in view of friendly activity in the area, the enemy has probably reverted to an increased terrorism campaign. Other activity in the area consisted of a mortar attack on the Hue airfield in Thua Thien Province on 24 April, railway and highway sabotage, and harassing attacks on friendly security elements and installations.

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- 15. No significant Communist activity occurred in II Corps during the week. The continued low incident rate is probably an attempt by the enemy to avoid any act that might draw together the dissident political forces in this area.
- 16. In Phuoc Tuy Province of III Corps, an attack on a New Life Hamlet by an estimated Viet Cong battalion on 26 April and the simultaneous mortaring of a nearby post, resulted in friendly casualties of 40 killed and 18 wounded, with 21 weapons and two radios also lost. Enemy losses were one killed and one captured. Other activity consisted of small-scale attacks and harassing fire on friendly installations.
- 17. The greatest number of small-scale attacks occurred in IV Corps. Activity in the area continues to be limited to guerrilla-type, small-unit operations in comparison to the enemy activity in the northern corps areas. Although the enemy in IV Corps main-tains the capability to mass large units whenever such an action would be advantageous, the lack of cover in the area and a continued ability to main-tain influence through terrorism and small-unit actions indicates that the Communists will probably continue operating in the present manner, massing only when the advantages of such a move greatly overshadow the disadvantages.
- 18. Changes in lines of communication status consist of the opening of National Route 1 in Binh Dinh Province (except the portion south of Qui Nhon) and in Khanh Hoa Province. Route 14 is closed in Binh Long Province. An extended portion of the national railroad has been reopened between Ca Na, Ninh Thuan Province, and Ninh Hoa, Khanh Hoa Province.

C. REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Training for the specialized members (civil affairs, census/grievance, and new life development) of the revolutionary development cadre groups began on 25 April at the National Cadre Training Center. This class, the first to receive such training under the revised program, will number about 1,500 persons; some 3,200 cadres are programmed for specialist training in the next class.
- 2. The pacification effort is suffering from the effects of economic difficulties that seem to be hampering general progress throughout the country. Construction prices, due to inflation, are rising in some cases beyond the 1966 budget estimates of the program. To counteract the rising prices, the provinces have been authorized to use the reserve funds of the Revolutionary Development Ministry and to negotiate contracts directly with "able and trustworthy contractors" in cases where no bids at all for construction projects have been received.
- 3. On the basis of agreements reached at the Honolulu Conference substantial GVN/US planning is under way to revitalize village and hamlet governments. Reforms include the election of six-member village councils--possibly by 29 May, the date set for the election of one third of the provincial councils. Each elected village council would then select a council chairman and also a village chief, who up to now has been appointed by the province chief. The US has agreed to support a wage increase for village and hamlet officials to bring their salaries in line with those received by the cadre groups working in their areas.
- 4. The corps and district civil administrative apparatus has also been reviewed and will be the object of certain reforms. The corps commanders, who are also the official government delegates for civil administration, will be granted more latitude in controlling administrative personnel and in shifting funds within their regions. Three administrative bureaus, instead of the present five, will deal with military and political affairs, administration

and finance, and economic and social welfare. Proposed changes in the district apparatus include the establishment of an advisory council made up of the chairmen of the various village councils. Moreover, consideration is being given to the possible replacement of the district deputy for security—now a military officer—by a civilian.

Returnees (Chieu Hoi)

- 5. For the second consecutive week, the total number of defectors from the Viet Cong decreased significantly. Only 285 persons rallied during the week ending 22 April, apparently a result of the continuing political instability in the northern provinces and the lack of military activity. US Mission officials point out, however, that definite improvements in the program have been realized since last fall, and that high-level GVN officials have demonstrated more support since 1 January 1966.
- 6. Psychological operations before and after major military contacts have contributed heavily to the successful inducement of Vietnamese Communists and sympathizers to rally to the government. Millions of Chieu Hoi leaflets, safe conduct passes, and maps bearing instructions on how to rally have been dropped on known and suspected infiltration routes and in-country Viet Cong positions, often in conjunction with B-52 strikes. In the central highlands, leaflets written in tribal languages are being dropped. Moreover, day and night aerial broadcasts are being undertaken to heighten the enemy's anxieties, these broadcasts serve as a useful, though technically difficult, means of warning villagers of impending air strikes in their area.

II. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BLOC

- The full text of Premier Pham Van Dong's report to last month's National Assembly meeting, which became available this week, indicated that the premier not only delivered a pep talk to the assembled delegates but also engaged in a relatively frank discussion of the difficulties caused by the US bombing Dong admitted that the North Vietnamese had been forced to mobilize large segments of the population to keep transportation routes open and to strengthen both civil defense and antiaircraft fenses. The premier also confessed that the allocation of manpower resources to meet wartime priorities had been a real problem. The premier claimed, however, that this effort had paid off, and that the monthly average of tonnage moved had increased in 1966 over the last few months of 1965.
- While cautioning against possible further US escalation of the war, Dong also struck an optimistic note by claiming that the Vietnamese had successfully challenged US military power during the past year, especially in the air. This same theme of optimism dominated a flood of DRV propaganda celebrating the alleged shootdown of the 1,000th US aircraft over North Vietnam on 29 April, a claim that is roughly four times the actual number of US losses. Dan editorial occasioned by the shoot-down claim asserted that everywhere in the country people had made contributions to the fight, and that the militia and self-defense forces had demonstrated "many new capabilities and were playing an important role." One of the new capabilities mentioned by Nhan Dan was the ability to use ground-to-air missiles, the first public admission by the DRV that there are SAMs in the North Vietnamese arsenal.

Sino-Soviet Relations on Vietnam

3. The Chinese Communists bitterly assailed Soviet policy on Vietnam this week and flatly denied recent Soviet charges that Peking has hampered Soviet military shipments to the DRV. Speaking at a 30 April mass rally in Peking honoring a visiting high-level Albanian delegation, Premier Chou En-lai disparaged Soviet aid to Hanoi as meager in quantity and inferior

in quality. He also berated the present Soviet leadership in the harshest terms for "sham anti-imperialism" and for collaboration with the US.

- Chou's remarks were followed up on 3 May with a Foreign Ministry statement designed to undercut Soviet claims of "all out" support for Vietnam and of Chinese obstructionism in the transport of military aid shipments to the DRV. The statement provided the first detailed information on the amount of Soviet military assistance transiting China for the DRV. It asserted that Communist China transported 43,000 tons of Soviet military supplies to North Vietnam in 1965, a figure close to intelligence estimates of the actual tonnage moved. In addition, the statement claimed that during the first quarter of 1966 the USSR used only one third of the 1,730 rail cars Communist China had agreed to make available for military deliveries, and that such goods as were sent by the Soviets had been moved on by the Chinese "with priority, at a high speed, and free of charge."
- 5. Despite Chinese protestations, however, evidence indicates that Peking has placed onerous restrictions on overland deliveries. Although the restrictions are unlikely to have limited the quantity or types of weapons supplied by the USSR to North Vietnam, they have slowed down the pace of deliveries.
- 6. This outpouring of Chinese invective betrays Peking's discomfiture over the effectiveness of the recent Soviet charges. Moreover, it probably also reflects Peking's sensitivity to the Soviet success in its call for "unity" at the 23rd CPSU congress last March.

III. THIRD COUNTRY DEVELOPMENTS

A. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN VIETNAM

On 26 April, the semi-official Vietnam Press Agency carried the BBC interview of GVN Foreign Minister Tran Van Do. In reply to a question referring to Senator Mansfield's recent proposals on Vietnam, Do stated that "we must all attempt to apply good will in order to help restore peace, but it is also necessary that our enemies, first and foremost, should have will for peace." Do noted that Senator Mansfield's apparent allusion to the Viet Cong as one of the "certain essential elements" in the Vietnamese situation showed "considerable generosity of spirit" toward an organization that "is only a propaganda instrument of Hanoi."

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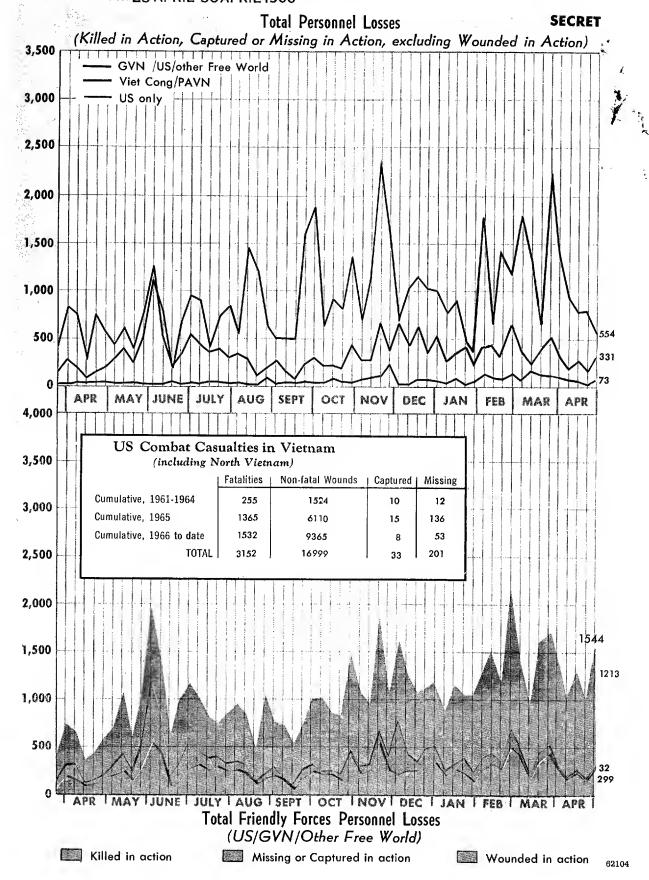
- 1. In a public speech on 24 April, Prince Sihanouk stated that the DRV, Cambodia, and the NFLSV have decided with Cambodia to sign "solemn agreements shortly at a summit meeting which would establish a definite basis for a peaceful coexistence between our two countries."
- 2. A US military spokesman in Saigon announced on 3 May that on 30 April a battalion of the US 1st Infantry Division operating on the eastern bank of the Gai Bac River in Tay Ninh Province received mortar and small-arms fire from the Cambodian side of the border and that the American commander then directed artillery fire on the gun positions. The US Embassy in Saigon recommends that a US protest be lodged with the Cambodian Government.

C. WEST GERMANY

Eight tons of medical supplies from the Federal Republic of Germany arrived in Saigon on 29 April. This is the first shipment of the 1,500 tons of medical supplies (valued at \$4,375,000) offered by Germany.

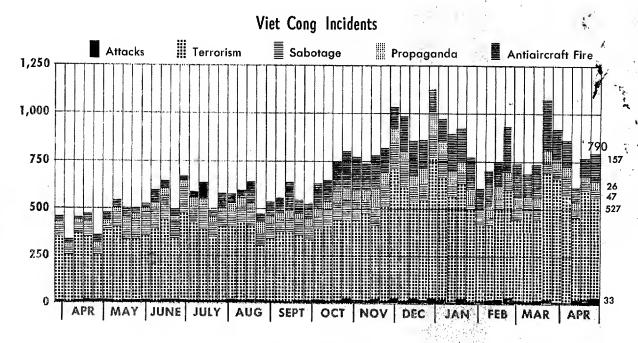
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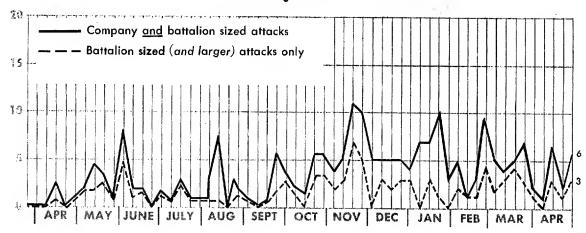


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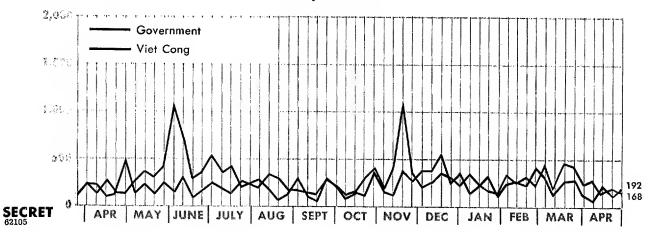
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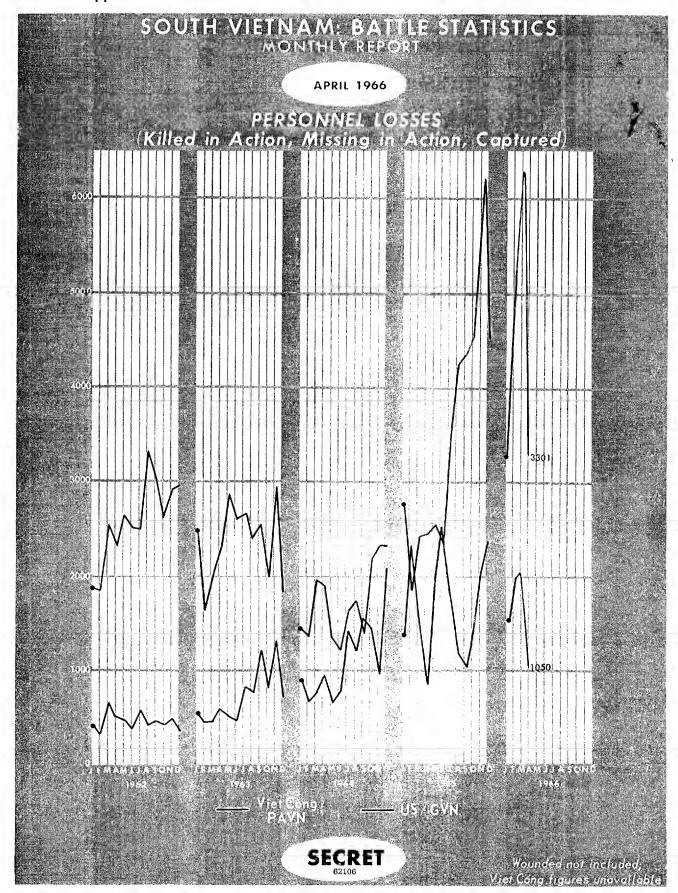


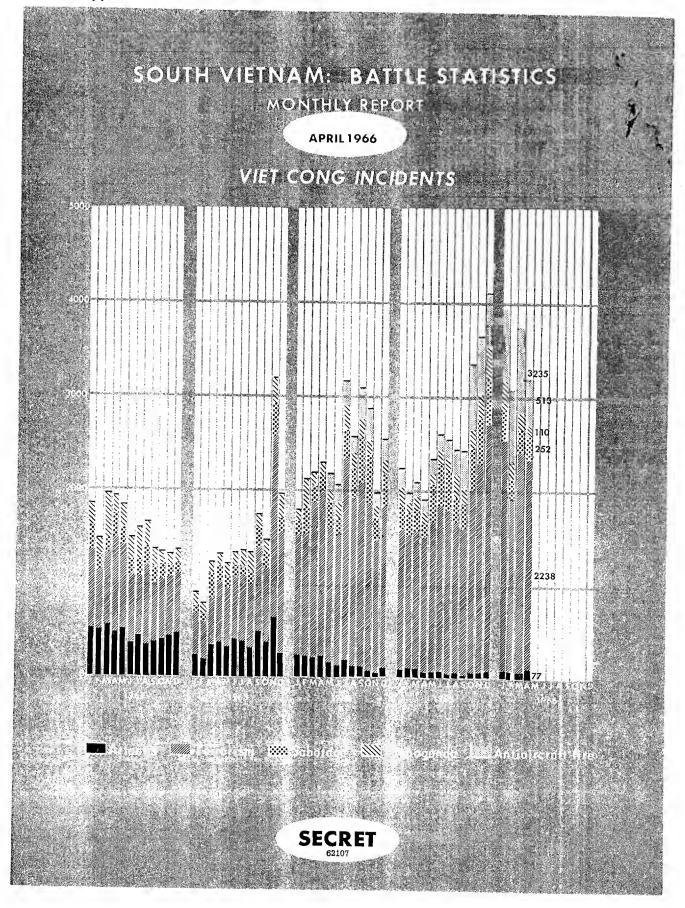
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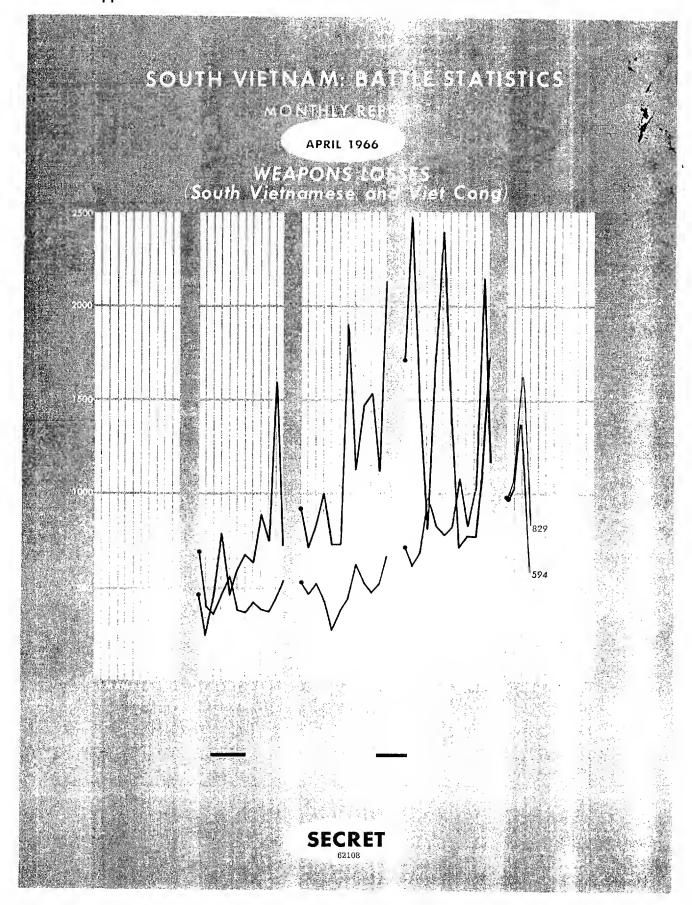


Weapons Losses









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| Time Peri | | Viet Cong Inci- dents | | in in ction VC | Wour i: Act GVN | | | ured ssing VC | Tot Casua GVN | al lties VC | | pons ses VC |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Aug | 1962 1963 1964 1965 | 1642 1349 2580 2498 | 377 411 721 808 | 2271 1685 1449 3624 | 626 804 1612 1945 | 367 237 - | 63 352 478 287 | 669 482 282 606 | 1066 1567 2811 3040 | 3307 2404 1731 4230 | 637 1106 705 | 428 619 1074 |
| Sep | 1962 1963 1964 1965 | 1375 1763 3091 2473 | 419 672 819 655 | 2218 1982 1187 3485 | 646 1155 1759 1724 | 365 234 - - | 59 566 737 266 | 446 347 230 838 | 1124 2393 3315 2645 | 30 29 2563 1417 4323 | 878 1465 778 | 389 525 838 |
| Oct | 1962 1963 1964 1965 | 1357 1422 2827 3330 | 365 428 739 961 | 1967 1520 1617 3874 | 619 989 1583 2416 | 286 244 - - | 64 398 693 2 25 | 373 236 576 660 | 1048 1815 3015 3602 | 26 26 2000 2193 4534 | 753 1510 762 | 330 482 1013 |
| Nov | 1962 1963 1964 1965 | 1311 3182 1982 3638 | 410 664 574 1034 | 1982 2333 1747 5516 | 834 1554 1404 2056 | 368 373 - - | 92 665 410 520 | 561 252 570 592 | 1336 2883 2388 3610 | 2911 2958 2317 6108 | 1595 1104 1126 | 455 515 2164 |
| Dec | 1962 1963 1964 1965 | 1346 1921 2504 4106 | 294 389 1002 1239 | 2203 1440 1813 4076 | 618 961 2053 2262 | 289 191 - | 78 320 1092 926 | 463 190 503 516 | 990 1670 4147 4427 | 2955 1821 2316 4592 | 724 2111 1728 | 546 666 1158 |

Composite Annual Totals

| | Time | VC me Inci- KIA | | WI | A | Captured or Missing | | Total Casualties | | Weapons Losses | | |
|---|----------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| | Period | dents | GVN | VC | GVN | VC | GVN | VC | GVN | VC | GVN | VC |
| | 1962 | 19076 | 4417 | 21158 | 7195 | 4235 | 1270 | 5700 | 12882 | 31093 | 5195 | 4049* |
| _ | 1963 | 17852 | 5665 | 20575 | 11488 | 3501 | 3137 | 4307 | 20290 | 28383 | 8267 | 5397 |
| | 1964 | 28526 | 7457 | 16785 | 17017 | - | 6036 | 4157 | 30510 | 20942 | 14055 | 5881 |
| | 1965 | 31529 | 11243 | 35436 | 23118 | - | 7848 | 6326 | 42209 | 41762 | 16915 | 11755 |
| | ** 1966 | 13919 | 3273 | 15878 | 7135 | - | 1514 | 2183 | 11922 | 18061 | 3998 | 4659 |

^{*}Monthly data unavailable for 1962 Weapons Losses.
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2. Viet Cong Incidents: 1962 - 30 April 1966

| | Γ | T | АТТ | ACKS | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|--------|----------|---------------|-------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Time | Viet Cong | Small- | | | | | _ | Propa- | Anti- |
| Period | Incidents | Scale | Co. Size | BN. Size | Total | Terrorism | Sabotage | ganda | Aircraft |
| | , | | | | | | | 255 | |
| 1962 | | 528 | 21 | 0 | 549 | 839 | 180 | 257 | - |
| Jan 1963 | | 242 | 8 | 2 | 252 | 447 | 49 | 179 | - |
| 1964 | | 218 | 2 | 3 | 223 | 1244 | 129 | 174 | |
| 1965 | | 57 | 5 | 1 | 63 | 1489 | 272 | 170 | 212 |
| 1966 | 3914 | 42 | 23 | 5 | 70 | 2490 | 312 | 299 | 743 |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| 1962 | 2 1460 | 480 | 20 | 0 | 500 | 613 | 137 | 210 | - |
| Feb 1963 | | 181 | 13 | 1 | 195 | 433 | 69 | 91 | - |
| 1964 | 2078 | 211 | 3 | 3 3 | 217 | 1389 | 210 | 271 | |
| 1965 | 1982 | 73 | 6 | 3 | 82 | 1411 | 267 | 91 | 131 |
| 1966 | 3100 | 50 | 10 | 9 | 69 | 1829 | 201 | 172 | 829 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962 | 2 1961 | 561 | 27 | 0 | 588 | 660 | 290 | 423 | - |
| Mar 1963 | 1282 | 333 | 11 | 0 | 344 | 653 | 131 | 154 | - |
| 1964 | 2160 | 198 | 4 | 1 | 203 | 1632 | 158 | 167 | _ |
| 1965 | 2056 | 80 | 3 | 3 | 86 | 1476 | 240 | 90 | 164 |
| 1966 | | 32 | 10 | 10 | 52 | 2332 | 212 | 154 | 920 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962 | 1933 | 470 | 27 | 0 | 497 | 1024 | 220 | 192 | - |
| Apr 1963 | 3 1331 | 371 | 9 | 3 | 383 | 688 | 105 | 155 | |
| 1964 | | 211 | 6 | 3 3 4 | 2,20 | 1738 | 169 | 157 | - |
| 1965 | | 38 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 1407 | 149 | 96 | 165 |
| *1966 | 3235 | 61 | 7 | 9 | 77 | 2238 | 252 | 110 | 513 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962 | 2 1825 | 490 | 28 | 0 | 528 | 892 | 154 | 251 | - |
| May 1963 | 1208 | 344 | 13 | 0 | 357 | 608 | 93 | 150 | - |
| 1964 | | 170 | 3 | 2 | 175 | 418 | 217 | 140 | 193 |
| 1965 | | 40 | 7 | 11 | 58 | 1558 | 365 | 115 | 170 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962 | 1477 | 339 | 23 | 0 | 362 | 736 | 157 | 222 | - |
| Jun 1963 | | 398 | 11 | 1 | 410 | 652 | 107 | 142 | - |
| 1964 | | 128 | 10 | 2 6 | 140 | 1390 | 176 | 162 | 194 |
| 1965 | | 62 | 1 | 6 | 69 | 1784 | 469 | 103 | 172 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | ATT | ACKS | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|------------------|
| Time | Viet Cong | Small- | | | | | | Propa- | Anti- |
| Period | Incidents | Scale | Co. Size | BN. Size | Total | Terrorism | Sabotage | ganda | Aircraf <u>t</u> |
| 1063 | 1.564 | 4 7 7 | 10 | 7 | 448 | 735 | 158 | 223 | _ |
| 1962 | | 437 398 | 8 | 1 1 | 448 | 698 | 80 | 183 | - |
| Jul 1963 | | | 12 | 7 | 185 | 2132 | 286 | 224 | 218 |
| 1964 | | 166 42 | 0 | 6 | 48 | 1706 | 400 | 154 | 212 |
| 1965 | 2520 | 4 2 | U | O | 40 | 1700 | 400 | 154 | 212 |
| 1962 | 1642 | 368 | 10 | 0 | 378 | 885 | 146 | 233 | _ |
| Aug 1963 | | 356 | 11 | 1 | 368 | 647 | 113 | 221 | - |
| 1964 | 2580 | 107 | 3 | 3 | 113 | 1775 | 315 | 173 | 204 |
| 1965 | | 38 | 9 | 5 | 52 | 1597 | 349 | 200 | 300 |
| 1505 | 2+30 | 50 | 5 | · | 22 | 150, | 0.2 | -55 | |
| 1962 | 1375 | 382 | 9 | 0 | 391 | 624 | 178 | 182 | - |
| Sep 1963 | 1763 | 483 | 17 | 3 | 503 | 889 | 164 | 207 | - |
| 1964 | | 110 | 4 | 4 | 118 | 1938 | 482 | 178 | 375 |
| 1965 | 2473 | 19 | 7 | 5 | 31 | 1530 | 278 | 185 | 449 |
| 7049 | | 406 | 7.0 | 3 | 410 | 507 | 100 | 166 | |
| 1962 | | 406 | 12 | 1 | 419 | 583 | 189 | 166 | - |
| Oct 1963 | | 359 | 6 | 0 | 365 | 802 | 105 | 150 | - |
| 1964 | | 75 | 2 | 6 | 83 | 1790 | 480 | 197 | 277 |
| 1965 | 3330 | 24 | 8 | 12 | 44 | 1969 | 415 | 198 | 704 |
| 1962 | 1311 | 411 | 7 | 3 | 421 | 614 | 144 | 132 | _ |
| Nov 1963 | | 631 | 11 | 3 | 645 | 1990 | 269 | 278 | <u> </u> |
| 1964 | | 57 | 2 | ĺ | 60 | 1391 | 247 | 109 | 175 |
| 1965 | | 26 | 16 | 10 | 52 | 2234 | 486 | 255 | 611 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962 | | 375 | 8 | 1 | 384 | 670 | 107 | 185 | - |
| Dec 1963 | | 258 | 3 | 0 | 261 | 1298 | 111 | 251 | - |
| 1964 | 2504 | 81 | 9 | 6 | 96 | 1719 | 318 | 128 | 243 |
| 1965 | 4106 | 32 | 18 | 7 | 5 7 | 2572 | 442 | 317 - | 718 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Comp | oosite Annu | al Total: | s | | | |
| 1962 | 19076 | 5247 | 6 | 212 | 5465 | 8875 | 2060 | 2676 | No Data |
| 1963 | | 4354 | 15 | 121 | 4490 | 9805 | 1396 | 2161 | No Data |
| 1963 | | 1732 | 41 | 60 | 1833 | 19556 | 3178 | 2080 | 1879 |
| 1965 | | 531 | 73 | 81 | 685 | 20730 | 4132 | 1974 | 4008 |
| *1966 | | 185 | 7 3 5 0 | 33 | 268 | 8934 | 977 | 735 | 3005 |
| 1900 | 13313 | 103 | 30 | 33 | 200 | 0334 | 511 | 100 | 3005 |

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